From: Jovana Majstorovic

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 8:12 PM **To:** Council Agenda <councilagenda@london.ca>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Homeless Hub on 705 Fanshawe

Please include in agenda for October 5th meeting.

Thank you.

From: Jovana Majstorovic

Sent: September 28, 2023 11:33 PM

To: City of London, Mayor < <u>mayor@london.ca</u>> **Subject:** Homeless Hub on 705 Fanshawe

Dear Mayor Josh Morgan,

Thank you for your support of the London Community and all that you are trying to do to help the unhoused in our community. No one likes what they are seeing become of our city and some of those who are in the greatest need here.

No one disagrees that there needs to be a plan for the unhoused in our community. What we disagree with though are the many factors which were outlined in the city's original plan that are now being disregarded. Zoning, budget, proximity, community involvement. All of these are outlined in my attached council letter below.

The residents in this area, and the local businesses, were not given community participation in this plan in any meaningful way. Prior to announcement of the location, there was little information given and little exposure for how to participate. Corrine hosted one meeting and ¾ were people from OEV. How can a community fully participate if they aren't aware of the details, most importantly the Hub's location? We are finding out this location on Wednesday only. It simply isn't true that the community will have a chance to voice concerns in the zoning process. We will not have a voice on the center, only on whether the building zoning should be changed to emergency. For some reason our voice is being attempted to be taken away from us. We have valid concerns and questions about safety that we would like heard and responded to. I can't understand why this isn't valid.

Our house was broken into in broad daylight on September 20, 2018. The level of trauma this brought on for our children and ourselves was severe and it took a long time for us to feel safe in our home again. I trust you understand that safety is a major issue for our family and that it is not something we look at lightly. I beg you to please take all information and concerns when casting your vote, and consider the concerns of ALL parties involved.

Please remember that we need to be represented too. No one consulted us, no one made us aware, we are simply being asked to take this under the pretense of civic duty. Who will be our voice, and represent our concerns. Our whole neighbourhood rallied behind you when you ran for mayor, many are now questioning their vote and simply feel let down and betrayed. Many, including myself will be re thinking our votes in the next election.

Finally, we know the 10 CMHA beds that are a part of this are vital. Council should explore including these beds under cold weather planning instead of this RFP which is tied to Fanshawe. It makes no sense that our concerns are being tied in together with allocation for cold weather beds to be made available for the end of the year when there is plenty of time to discuss the Fanshawe center slated for a May opening.

Thank you for your time and your consideration in the next step of voting. Sincerely,
Jovana Majstorovic